

IN THE CLAIMS:

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1. (currently amended) A machine having a type plate as a carrier for written and/or graphical information, which at the same time is combined with an electronic storage device, wherein the storage device has a separate input for data transmission signals generated in the machine representative of operational data of the machine, wherein a second input and an output provide wire-free transmission of data to a device provided separately from the type plate ~~and, if appropriate, a second input for the non-contact or wire-free output and, if appropriate, input of data.~~
2. (Original) The machine as claimed in claim 1, wherein the storage device does not have its own power supply.
3. (currently amended) The machine as claimed in claim 2, wherein the storage device is suitable for receiving ~~and~~ operating power required to read data into and out of the memory, as well as that required for storage, from the devices ~~which are~~ provided separately from the type plate.
4. (previously amended) The machine as claimed in claim 3, wherein the storage device is suitable for receiving the operating power without mechanical coupling, in a non-contact or wire-free manner.
5. (currently amended) The machine as claimed in claim 3, wherein the storage device is suitable for receiving the operating power from the devices provided separately for reading data into and/or out of the storage device during their operation.

6. (currently amended) The machine as claimed in claim 1, wherein there is a connection between a the separate input and a transmitter/receiver of the output and, ~~if appropriate,~~ the second input.
7. (previously amended) The machine as claimed in claim 2, wherein the ~~type plate within the machine~~ includes a second transmitter, and the type plate is assigned in a physical position within the machine transmitter for data and operating power in a physical position permitting the transmission of data and operating said power from the second transmitter to the storage device.
8. (New) An apparatus comprising:
- a machine having a transmitter configured to transmit a first signal representative of operating data for the machine;
  - a type plate positioned on the machine, the type plate having
    - a first input to receive the first signal from the transmitter of the machine,
    - a second input configured to receive a second signal representative of data from a device that is separate from the type plate,
    - an electronic storage device configured to store the data represented by the first signal and the second signal, and an output configured to provide wire free transmission of data to the device that is separate from the type plate.
9. (New) The apparatus of claim 8, wherein the first input is linked to a wireless receiver, and the first signal provides electrical power to the electronic storage device.

10. (New) A method, the method comprising the acts of:
- providing a machine having a type plate positioned thereon;
  - acquiring operating data concerning the machine;
  - converting the operating data to a first signal;
  - transmitting the first signal to the type plate from a transmitter on the machine;
  - using electrical power from the first signal to power an electronic storage device of the type plate;
  - storing the operating data in the electronic storage device;
  - transmitting a second signal representative of external data from a wireless external appliance to a second input of the type plate;
  - using electrical power from the second signal to power the electronic storage device;
  - storing the external data in the electronic storage device;
  - transmitting a third signal from a wireless external appliance to the type plate;
  - using electrical power from the third signal to power the storage device and a wireless transmitter of the type plate; and
  - transmitting a fourth signal from the wireless transmitter of the type plate to the wireless external appliance, the fourth signal containing data stored in the electronic storage device.
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